

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The specification has been conformed to correspond to the preferred format for U.S. patent applications, and a Substitute Specification and Comparison Copy are submitted herewith.

Claims 1-21 are pending.


Amendment is made to eliminate all multiple dependencies from the claims, thereby avoiding the need to pay the multiple dependent surcharge.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,


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